ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Southside East Site Preparation and Public Infrastructure Improvements

McCormack Baron Salazar Development, Inc. acting as agent for the City of Durham, will open sealed formal bids submitted by prequalified bidders at **2:00 PM, local time, on Thursday March 23, 2012**, at the Department of Community Development located at 807 East Main Street Suite 2-200 Durham, NC 27701 ("DCD office"). The project involves the demolition and removal of existing streets and infrastructure, installation of erosion and sedimentation controls and mass grading of 19.83 acres bounded by East Lakewood Avenue, South Roxboro Street and East Piedmont Avenue, Durham, NC 27701, along with installation of new streets, curbs, sidewalks, street trees, street lights, water and sewer lines, and storm drainage to serve Phase 1 of the future development..

Beginning on **Thursday February 23, 2012**, plans and specifications will be open for inspection in the office of Richard Valzonis, Senior Project Manager at the DCD office Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM except City holidays or can be downloaded from the Department of Community Development's website at: http://durhamnc.gov/ich/cb/cdd/Pages/Home.aspx. Plans also can be viewed at The North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development Plan and Resource Center, 114 West Parrish Street, 6th. Floor, Durham, NC 27701 (919-956-8889). Furthermore, a copy of the bid documents may be obtained from ARC, 507 Airport Blvd Suite 107, Morrisville, NC 27560 (919-388-9900) upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$100 per set in cash or certified check payable to ARC.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend a non-mandatory **Pre-Bid Conference at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2011** at the DCD office at 807 East Main Street Suite 2-200 Durham, NC 27701. In addition to the project engineers being present, the environmental consultants will also be available to discuss the scope of work for the removal of soil from the site and answer any questions potential bidders may have.

Bidders should contact the Department of Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance (EO/EA) at 919-560-4180 for pre-qualification requirements and forms. Only bids submitted by pre-qualified bidders will be considered responsive. All lead contractors that plan to bid must submit SDBE Contractor Prequalification Forms to the EO/EA. The deadline for submitting completed Pre-Qualification Forms will be at **4:00 p.m. on Friday March 2, 2012.** The SDBE Contractor Pre-Qualification forms and additional questions are available in *Appendix A* of the bid specifications and available from the EO/EA web site at http://www.durhamnc.gov/forms/equal prequalification.pdf. The established goals of this project are 13 % minority participation and 5 % for women participation.

Each bidder must show evidence that it is licensed under Chapter 87 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The bids will be evaluated and contracts awarded in accordance with law, including the City of Durham's Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. All bids must include a non-collusion affidavit.

The City Council of the City of Durham reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any and all informalities, and to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter bids, and to accept the bid that will be in the best interest of the City of Durham.

Eligible Section 3 businesses as defined in the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended are encouraged to apply.

Notice Under the Americans with Disabilities Act

A person with a disability may receive an auxiliary aid or service to effectively participate in City government activities by contacting the ADA Coordinator, voice 919-560-4197, fax 919-560-4196, TTY 919-560-1200, or ADA@durhamnc.gov, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the event or deadline date.